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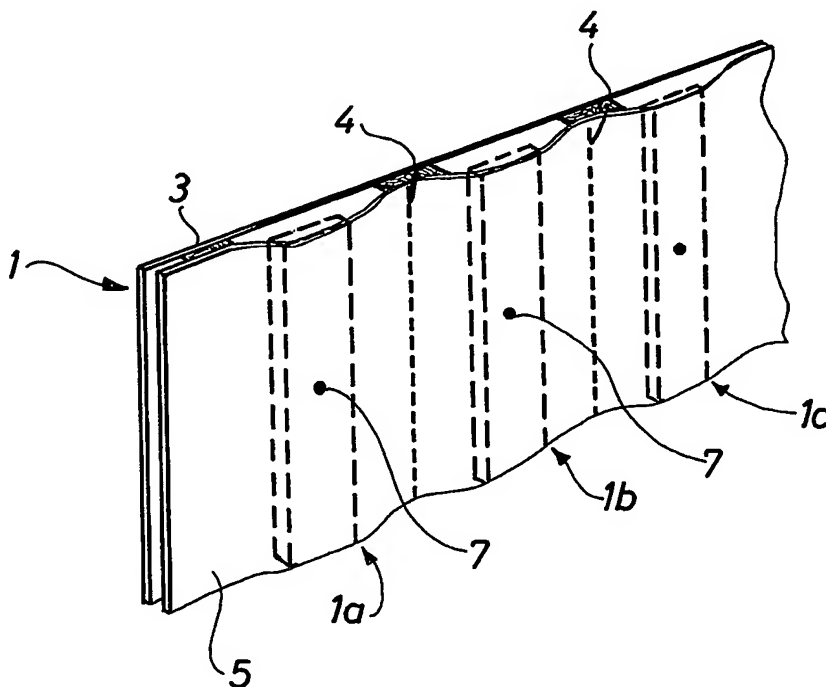
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(54) Title: A SEED TAPE INCLUDING SUCCESSIVELY ARRANGED GERMINATING UNITS



(57) Abstract: A seed tape (1) including successively arranged germinating units (1a, 1b, 1c). The seed tape includes at least one carrier strip (3) as well as at least one auxiliary layer (5) arranged thereon and made of a biodegradable, flexible, non-woven, film-like material. Locally, the auxiliary layer (5) can be interrupted over a short distance along the seed tape (1). Each germinating unit (1a, 1b, 1c) includes a mixture (6) of granulated carrier, at least one granulated additive and optionally an adjuvant in addition to one or more seeds (7). This mixture (6) is kept together to form at least one core portion (8) in the germinating unit. The core portion (8) includes locally adhered bicomponent fibres (18) of one or more thermoplastic materials which form a coherent open network (8a) for keeping the granules (6a) of the mixture (5) and possibly also one or more seeds (7)

together. In this manner it is possible in a very simple and reliable manner to retain the carrier, the additive and the adjuvant, if any.



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